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FROM : DEPTAR (JCS) WASH DC

TO : CINCPAC PEARL HARBOR

INFO : CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN

NR : JCS 81939

Folg intelligence estimate is fwdd for info in view of your responsibility for planning and opns in connection with evacuation of Hong Kong.

1. MG activity North of Hong Kong border and reported Communist activity in colony indicate possible Chinese Communist preparations for atk but there are no firm indications that such action is imminent. An atk, however, is considered possible without warning.

2. Latest estimate on Hong Kong by G-2 Army concludes that British are incapable of holding the colony, and current intelligence reveals that Chinese Communist could pour 30-40 thousand troops into the area between dark and dawn of any day. It is also estimated that internal looting and rioting could be instigated, which would make such an invasion unnecessary.

3. Communist action against Hong Kong will most likely be sudden and overwhelming, so that evacuation spt, to be effective, will have to be immediate. Any delay for consideration at the time will result in a fait accompli, with Communists holding bulk of Hong Kong foreign population.

4. There were 14,600 Europeans and Americans in Hong Kong as of Jun 49. This nbr is believed aprx unchanged as of today, and to include 140 ECA US citizens. Despite the fact that US deps are being warned to leave, there will still remain many Americans and bulk of British population. It is understood that British evacuation planning currently provides for:

(A) Requisitioning all fgn merchant shpg inclg American;
(B) Attempting to keep the airport open;
(C) Use of US Naval transport if possible;

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(D) British subjects of Chinese race having same right of evacuation as whites; and

(E) Treating foreign nationals same as British.

5. It may be anticipated that British will request US Naval and air spt for evacuation from Hong Kong.

6. CINCFAC is hereby directed to prepare plans now for such a future eventuality. Execution of such plans will be dep upon situation then existing and as may be directed by JCS pursuant to US Governmental decisions yet to be reached.

7. This directive does not authorize collaboration with or disclosure of info relating to it other than US officials.

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